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SUBJECT: BANJUL CELEBRATES THE GAMBIA'S TWELFTH ANNIVERSARY

1. COLORFUL, WARM-HEARTED FESTIVITIES, HIGHLIGHTED BY MARCH-PAST OF BANJUL PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN IN DOWNTOWN MACCARTHY SQUARE, MARKED TWELFTH ANNIVERSARY GAMBIA INDEPENDENCE ON FEBRUARY 18. PRESIDENT JAWARA'S INDEPENDENCE DAY MESSAGE, ADDRESSED TO CHILDREN, WAS ENTIRELY DEVOTED TO APPEAL FOR PRESERVATION GAMBIA'S WILDLIFE AND NATURAL RESOURCES. APPROXIMATELY 20 FOREIGN AMBASSADORS (MOSTLY RESIDENT DAKAR) AND SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVES FROM NEIGHBORING SENEGAL, MAURITANIA, GUINEA, AND GUINEA-BISSAU ATTENDED DAY-LONG EVENTS MARKING OCCASION.

2. UPON RECEIVING AMBASSADOR AFTER MORNING MARCH-PAST AND SPEECH, PRESIDENT JAWARA EXPRESSED DEEP APPRECIATION FOR PRESIDENT CARTER'S NOTABLY WARM CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE. HE ALSO  
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REITERATED GAMBIA THANKS FOR FINE MANNER IN WHICH MINISTER SANYANG RECEIVED DURING HIS JANUARY VISIT IN U.S.

3. AS KEYNOTE HIS INDEPENDENCE DAY ADDRESS, PRESIDENT JAWARA READ "BANJUL DECLARATION ON CONSERVATION," WHICH DECLARED IT RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL GAMBIANS TO PROTECT WHAT REMAINS OF COUNTRY'S FLORA AND FAUNA. HE PLEDGED GOTG'S UNTIRING EFFORTS TO

THIS TASK. NOTING THE DECLINE OF LARGE MAMMALS IN GAMBIA(WHERE ELEPHANTS, GIRAFFES, AND GIANT ELAND ROAMED UNTIL EARLY 20TH CENTURY) PRESIDENT COUNSELLED SCHOOL CHILDREN TO LEARN ABOUT THEIR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND WORK TO RESTORE BALANCE OF NATURE.

4. PRESIDENT CARTERS MESSAGE IS BEING FEATURED ON RADIO GAMBIA AND IN OFFICIAL NEWS BULLETIN. AGGREY

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